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1. Not any thing; nothing.

In young Rinaldo fierce desires he spy'd,
And noble heart, of rest impatient,
To wealth or sovereign power he *naught* apply'd. *Fairfax*.
Who cannot see this palpable device?
Yet who so bold, but says he sees it not?
Bad is the world, and it will come to *naught*,
When such ill dealings must be seen in thought. *Shakesf*.
Such smiling rogues as these foth ev'ry passion;
Renege, affirm, and turn their halcyon beaks
With ev'ry gale and vary of their matters,
As knowing *naught*, like dogs, but following. *Shakesf*.
Ye are of nothing, and your work of *naught*. *Jf*. xli. 24.
Be frustrate all ye stratagems of hell,
And devilish machinations come to *naught*. *Par. Reg*.

2. To set at *naught*; not to value; to slight; to scorn; to disregard.
Ye have set at *naught* all my counsel, and would none of my reproof. *Prov*. i. 25.

NO'VICE. *n. f.* [*novice*, French; *novitius*, Latin.]

1. One not acquainted with any thing; a fresh-man; one in the rudiments of any knowledge.

Triple-twin'd whore! 'tis thou
Hast fold me to this *novice*. *Shakesp. Ant. and Cleopat*.
Brave plantagenet,
That princely *novice* was struck dead by thee. *Shakesp*.
Bring me to the sight of Isabella,
A *novice* of this place. *Shakesf. Measure for Measure*.
You are *novices*; 'tis a world to see

How tame, when men and women are alone,
A meacock wretch can make the curstest shrew. *Shakesf*.
We have *novices* and apprentices; that the succession of the former employed men do not fail. *Bacon*.
If any unexperienced young *novice* happens into the fatal neighbourhood of such pests, presently they are plying his full purse and his empty pate. *South's Sermons*.

I am young, a *novice* in the trade,
The fool of love, unpractis'd to persuade;
And want the footing arts that catch the fair,
But caught myself lie struggling in the snare.
And she I love, or laughs at all my pain,
Or knows her worth too well, and pays me with disdain. *Dry*.
In these experiments I have set down such circumstances by which either the phenomenon might be rendered more conspicuous, or a *novice* might more easily try them, or by which I did try them only. *Newt. Opt*.

2. One who has entered a religious house, but not yet taken the vow.
NO'VITIARY. *n. f.* [*noviciatus*, French.]

1. The state of a *novice*; the time in which the rudiments are learned.
This is so great a masterpiece in sin, that he must have passed his tyrcennium or *novitiate* in sinning, before he come to this, be he never so quick a proficient. *South's Sermons*.

2. The time spent in a religious house, by way of trial, before the vow is taken.
NO'VITY. *n. f.* [*novitas*, Latin.] Newness; novelty.
Some conceive she might not yet be certain, that only man was privileged with speech, and being in the *novity* of the creation and unexperience of all things, might not be affrighted to hear a serpent speak. *Bacon's V. Err*.

NOUL. The crown of the head. See NOLL. *Spenser*.
NOULD. He would; would not. *Spenser*.
NOUN. *n. f.* [*nomen*, French; *nomen*, Latin.] The name of any thing in grammar.

A *noun* is the name of a thing, whether substance, mode or relation, which in speech is used to signify the same when there is occasion to affirm or deny any thing about it, or to express any relation it has in discourse to any other thing. *Clark's Lat. Grammar*.

Thou hast men about thee, that usually talk of a *noun* and a verb, and such abominable words as no christian ear can endure to hear. *Shakespeare's Henry VI*.
The boy, who scarce has paid his entrance down,
To his proud pedant, or declin'd a *noun*. *Dryden*.

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He planteth an ash, and the rain doth *nourish* it. *Jf*. xlv. 14.
Thro' her *nourish'd* powers enlarg'd by thee,
She springs aloft. *Thomson's Summer*.

2. To support; to maintain.
Whilst I in Ireland *nourish* a mighty band,
I will stir up in England some black storm. *Shakespeare*.
Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and *nourished* him for her own son. *Acts vii. 21*.

3. To encourage; to foment.
What madness was it with such proofs to *nourish* their contentions, when there were such effectual means to end all controversy? *Hooker, l. ii. f. 7*.

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